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**Oversight Committee of MDHHS** 

## Dear Chairman Graves

I am writing to inform you of my opposition to the State Health Dept making its own rules about parental vaccine choice that our state representatives have made. We elect our representatives to make laws for us. Parents should have the right to make medical choices for their children. A bureaucrat in the health dept, who does not know our children, has no legal authority over our children and has no knowledge of the health of our children should be making rules about our children.

I fully vaccinated my son and when he was five, a flu vaccine gave him encephalitis which has morphed into an autoimmune encephalitis that we are still dealing with 8 years later. It has cost us tens of thousands of dollars in medical bills and it cost my son his childhood. The health dept director does not have to pay my son's medical bills nor does he have to live with my son's health condition. It is my right as a parent to choose whether or not I vaccinate my son ever again. It is very parent's right to choose whether or not their child is vaccinated. Vaccines are not without risk. Vaccine manufacturers cannot be held liable for any medical concerns that arise from the vaccines they make.

I pay my taxes and my child deserves to be able to attend public schools like all other children, whether I choose to vaccinate or not.

Please do not allow the health dept to usurp my parenting decisions. This is not a socialist state we live in.

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of the children of the State of Michigan and their parents.

Cynthia Groene

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